

Sample Itineraries

Build your ideal day, weekend excursion or extended vacation ... or begin with these thought-starters.



Celebrate Latin American Heritage and Culture

- Arts: "Cinderella: A Salsa Fairytale" at The Growing Stage
- Stay: Residence Inn by Marriott, Budd Lake
- Eat: Don Jose in Netcong
- Play: Sledding, ice-fishing



Embrace NJ Highlands History

- Arts: "Mesmerized: A Ben Franklin Science and History Mystery" at The Historic Palace Theatre, home of TGS
- Stay: 119 year-old Whistling Swan Inn
- Eat: 185 year-old Bells Mansion
- Play: 19th Century Waterloo Village



NJ Highlands in Bloom

- Arts: "Nate the Great Musical" at The Growing Stage
- Stay: Courtyard Marriott, Mt. Arlington
- Eat: Polos in Netcong
- Play: Strawberry picking, Stony Hill Farms



Summer Fun:

- Stay: A lakeside Airbnb
- Eat: Stonewood Tavern in Byram
- Play: Lake Hopatcong swimming/boating



The Autumn Leaves

- Arts: Season 45 kicks off a new slate of family-friendly theatre at TGS
- Stay: A farm-adjacent Airbnb
- Eat: Redwoods Grill and Bar in Chester
- Play: Pumpkin picking under fall foliage

Light green denotes the NJ Highlands



The Growing Stage *the children's theatre of New Jersey*

The Historic Palace Theatre
7 Ledgewood Avenue, Netcong, NJ 07857

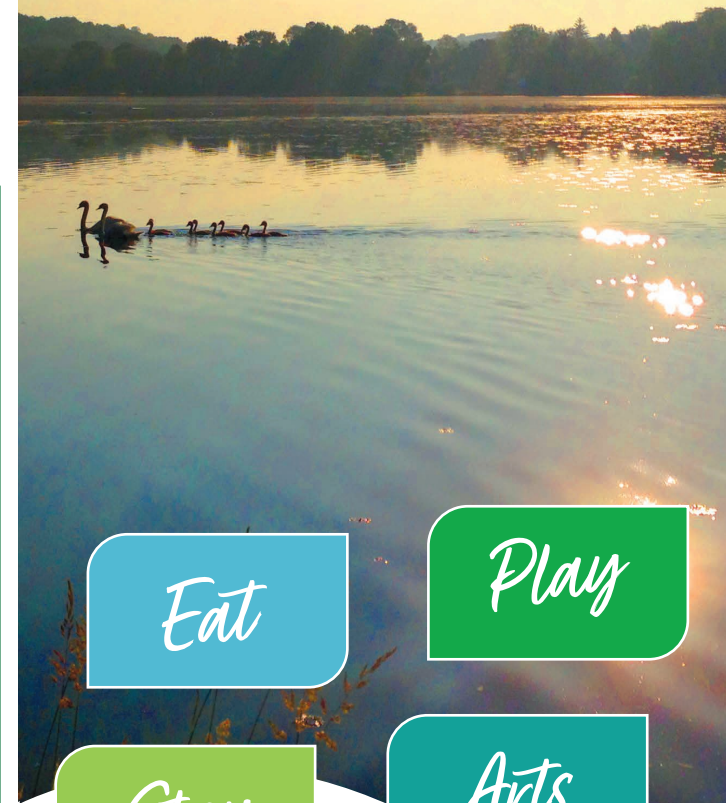
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Get to know **The Growing Stage** *the children's theatre of New Jersey*



Situated on the banks of Lake Musconetcong in downtown Netcong, a jewel box theatre adorned with fairy tale murals awaits you and your family. The rich history of The Growing Stage is equally matched to its home, The Palace Theatre. In their 44 year history, TGS has provided professional, quality arts education and theatrical productions to children and their families with a dedication to the craft that they truly deserve.

Welcome to the **NEW JERSEY Highlands**



Forty miles west of NYC, the skyline fades, and something softer takes shape—rolling forests, mirror-still lakes, and winding backroads that lead to a new state of mind. The NJ Highlands stretches across seven beautiful counties in New Jersey's north—and it's nothing like you expected.



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Eat

No matter your taste, the NJ Highlands offer a wide variety of dining options.



Polo's
140 Ledgewood Ave, Netcong
Enjoy American pub-style food indoors or outdoors, a beverage at the bar, or watch the game on numerous screens in the dining room.



Bell's Mansion
11 Main St, Stanhope, NJ
Seasonally-inspired new-world cuisine meets vintage antiques. Don't miss the mirrored oak bar originating from the Palmerton Hotel in PA from the 1800's.



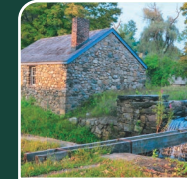
Stonewood Tavern
239 US-206, Byram
Featuring cuisine best described as creative American with a Mediterranean flair, a twist on popular comfort foods, and a selection of innovative specials.

Play

Lakes, history and fresh produce make a day in the NJ Highlands is a breath of fresh air.



Musconetcong and Hopatcong Lakes
Visitors can enjoy swimming, fishing, grilling picnic areas, a handicap-access boat launch at Arbolino Park, and playground equipment.



Waterloo Village
Visit this authentic 19th century village on the banks of the Morris Canal, overflowing with wildflowers, and wildlife. See the Fields at Waterloo, event complex, and Quarry Lake.



Local Farms
Farms stretch over rolling hills, where orchards, vegetable plots, pumpkin patches, fresh Jersey produce, and sweeping mountain views glow at sunrise and sunset.

Stay

Choose from a selection of cozy BnB's, hotels, and unique lakeside locations.



The Whistling Swan Inn
110 Main St. Stanhope
Nestled in the heart of NJ's Highlands Region, The Whistling Swan Inn has been welcoming guests like family since opening as a bed and breakfast in 1985.



Residence Inn by Marriott
271 Continental Drive, Budd Lake
Take advantage of recreational fun including an indoor pool, a 24-hour fitness center, concierge services, and wedding services.



Airbnb's Throughout the NJ Highlands
Enjoy lakeside tranquility and small-town warmth as you explore area lakes, enchanting hiking trails, and the region's scenic beauty.

Arts

Netcong's Historic Palace Theatre, built in 1919, is a must see attraction for all ages.



Main Stage Productions
From Sept. to May, TGS's mainstage seasons offer affordable programming for young people and their families. From classics to new works, TGS has something for everyone.



Arts Education
TGS offers theatre classes for ages K-12 in musical theatre, acting, playwriting, improv, and dance, and their week-long Summer Arts Day Camp culminates in a camp show.



The Historic Palace Theatre
Originally a vaudeville house and movie theater, it now features live entertainment. It's the only theatre-for-young-audiences company in the state of NJ that owns its own facility.